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Acting Chief, FBIB

1. Acknowledgment is made of your letter of 12 March, project reports for 10 and 17 March, and memorandum of 17 March concerning employment of communications staff.

2. The proposed salary scale for communications staff has been referred to the Budget and Finance Branch for approval. Approval of the retention of Teletype Operators directly on cables and wireless payroll will be withheld pending discussion with the Chief, FBIB, during his inspection.

3. With regard to communications between [redacted] and Nicosia, further investigation is being made on the basis of your recommendation of 17 March. After preliminary study, it appears practical to install at [redacted] a Wheatstone perforator operated on American power supply for transmission of copy to Nicosia and a device, also operated on American power supply, to receive messages from Nicosia in cable code or Wheatstone tape. This arrangement would apparently necessitate the use of "sent" copy as file copy of material transmitted, since an American page printer to operate in conjunction with the Wheatstone perforator is not known to be available. It would also involve the use of a Morse operator to receive messages from Nicosia. Further investigation of possible conversion systems, however, may turn up a better plan.

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4. Preliminary discussions are now being held with the Army Engineers on construction for the project. Informal opinion has been expressed that Mr. Spivey's estimates are inadequate.

5. The Chief, FBIB, will discuss recruiting and other problems with you upon arrival. In the matter of press coverage, it is felt here that an initial staffing of six operators is probably too large until it has been determined what transmissions are uniquely available on Cyprus.

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